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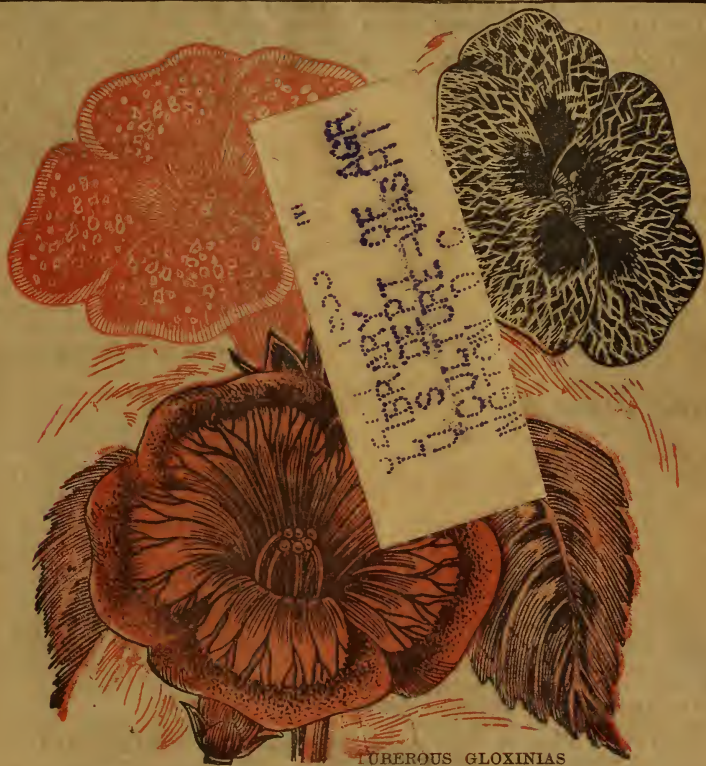


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## FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

I wonder if many of us do quite as much as we might in the Fall in the way of housecleaning in our gardens? I think it is just as important to tidy things up outdoors as it is in, and you know what the neighbors think of a shiftless housekeeper.

Of course no flower-lover will permit a single weed to go seed in his garden, but not so many are equally particular to cut out dead stalks, to trim up the borders and beds, and to gather the falling leaves to keep them carefully to be used later as a quilt to cuddle over the more tender perennials and for the bulbs.

Of course I am a model gardener, and I really am when I suggest things to other folks, but I am very much afraid about as many things are left undone in my garden as are attended to when they should be. But there is one thing I do look after, and that is to get my bulb beds dug and all ready for later planting. Very often I do not set a Tulip, or even a Hyacinth, until nearly Thanksgiving. More frequently it is nearer Christmas. And do you know I believe it very much better to plant Dutch bulbs very late? I have watched this carefully and I find setting them late means that the flowers come later in the Spring, and I now have perfect blooms for the longest season, whereas about two years out of three my Hyacinths were just ruined by freezing when I planted them early. The reason that I like to get the beds ready early in the Fall is to give the soil plenty of time to settle thoroughly, my idea is that this has a tendency to protect the bulbs from the mischievous mice and moles.

One of the beauty spots in my garden is the Hardy Lily bed; I often wonder why one does not see more of these perfectly gorgeous flowers! They ask no care, just come up and bloom of themselves year after year, quietly, without any fuss and bother, and the combinations of color are so pleasing, most of them are really modest. Of course the bulbs are a little expensive to buy, but they last so many years that when you divide the cost by the years you find them almost a gift. I just love them, and, while I speak of the Lily bed, actually I have them here, there and everywhere, excepting the Candidums, which I always like in a double row. Purposely I am not saying a word about enjoying a cup of tea around the "corner" table, because I am one of those benighted male men readers of the Little Magazine who loves everything written in the "corner" about flowers, but likes to skip the social part. If declaring my sentiments so frankly does not make me unwelcome I would like to appear again some time, as I think I have gathered up quite a lot of information that might be helpful and interesting to those of us who appreciate a well-ordered flower garden.

Artemisia Abrotanum, N. J.

## GLADIOLUS AFTER BLOOMING

When you want to take your Gladiolus corms out of the ground, loosen the soil around them and lift the bulbs out by their tops. Then spread them out on the ground to dry off and ripen. If you have clear weather, not freezing, you can leave your bulbs outdoors to ripen. After that cut the tops off close to the bulb and pull off the part that remains of the old bulb and its roots. For storing the bulbs choose a cool, dry place. They are best placed in thin layers in crates.

If you have poor weather so that your bulbs have to be dug and taken indoors at the same time, you can cut the tops off and clean the bulbs without leaving them outside at all. However, when the weather is with you, the first way is better.

## WINTERING DAHLIAS

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"The culture is very easy; and it is about like Summer Cabbage. The plant looks very much like common cow Kale, but does not grow so tall. The leaves do not take on their brilliant colors until cold weather and frosts strike them. Just how much cold the plant will stand I am not able to state. In the winter of 1899 we had it down to thirteen degrees Fahrenheit, but the Kale was covered with snow. I think from fifteen to twenty degrees above zero would not hurt it.

"Of course the plant is nice for garnishing, but especially lovely to lend its gay, bright colors to the home during the time of the year when brilliant colored flowers are scarce. The leaves are curiously marked very much the same way as Coleus, the colors very beautiful, and similar, and the leaves are pretty cut, standing in a vase of water, where they will last for many days.

"In England, as soon as the plants take on their various colors, they are dug up, the larger leaves are broken off, and the plants set in deeper, to form carpet beds. It is also planted among shrubs and in clumps, to brighten some dark corner."

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## The Lovely Narcissus

The Paeony is the show of the garden, the Tulp is its splendor, but the Narcissus is its treasure.

—B. C. Auten.

**I**N the Fall the thoughts of garden-makers turn naturally to the planting of bulbs. This is necessary, for if we do not secure and plant our bulbs in the Autumn, we will have no Snowdrops and Crocuses to usher in the Spring and no Hyacinths, Tulips and Narcissus to glorify those early months when, after the cold of Winter, we most long for flowers.

Of all the Dutch bulbs surely the Narcissus ranks first. Tulips and Hyacinths have gayer colors, it is true, but all the shades appearing

Apparently, there were originally two main groups of the hardy Narcissus, the large trumpets, often called Ajax, and the Poet's or Poeticus class. By crossing these, the Ajax and the Poeticus groups, hybridizers have given us the Barrii, the Incomparabilis and the Leedsii. In the Ajax class the trumpet is as long, or longer, than the perianth, or outer petals of the flower. There are all yellow trumpets, bicolors, which have white perianths and yellow centers, and all white trumpets.

In the Poet's Narcissus the center is not a



BICOLOR VICTORIA BLOOMS

in Narcissus are clear and refined, and the varying shapes are exquisitely modeled. Its greatest claim to supremacy, however, is its reliability. Tulips often fail to appear, for various enemies destroy the bulbs underground, but nothing harms the Narcissus. It is not attacked by the blights that ruin Delphiniums, Hollyhocks and even Paeonies, nor do its flowers suffer, as do the Roses, from aphids and beetles. Plant a Narcissus bulb and you are practically sure of its perfect bloom next Spring, which is a great comfort in this world of uncertainty.

The classes into which the Narcissus are divided have been explained in this Magazine in other years, but as newcomers to our big floral family may not all be familiar with the terms used, something about classification is necessary.

real trumpet, but a very short, flat cup, rimmed with red. In the classes resulting from crossing these two kinds we have variations in the center, or cup. Among the Barrii the perianth is like that of the large trumpets, but the cup is not more than one-third the length of the outer petals; in the Incomparabilis group the cup is larger, and may be three-quarters the length of the perianth segments. In the Leedsii class are gathered all the forms produced by crossing white trumpets with Poeticus. Of these the perianths are always white and the cups white or citron-yellow fading to white. Some of the daintiest and loveliest of Narcissus are among them.

Then there is a class not yet generally seen in the garden, the Poetaz, or Multiflorus, originated by crossing Poeticus Ornatus with some of the tender Polyanthus varieties. In



this there are clusters of flowers, in shape and in grouping very much like the Paper White which we grow in bowls in our Winter windows. The Poetaz may, however, be planted outdoors. It should be given protection as it may not prove hardy in the extreme North.

The very newest in Narcissus is the Tri-demus group, produced by crossing varieties of large trumpets with Polyanthus Narcissus. This is a novelty likely to be very popular when more plentiful and offered at lower



SINGLE AND DOUBLE JONQUILS

prices. They are quite different from the Poetaz, and have the effect of an enormous bunch, as the individual flowers inherit size from the large trumpet parent. It may prove hardier, too, than the Poetaz. At present I know of but one firm that lists them.

Of course, we have, also, the doubles, and the tender Polyanthus type which is used for forcing in the North, but flourishes outdoors in the South.

Among so many kinds what is one to choose? Plenty of the large trumpets one must have, surely. Emperor is perhaps the most popular of the yellow varieties, with Golden Spur a close second. These are early and prolific, and one cannot plant too many of them. Then there are giant new trumpets for those who seek novelties; Glory of Leiden, King Alfred and Olympia are all fine.

Among the bicolors, Empress and Victoria are largely used. Madame Plemp is one of the strongest growers and has a very long, narrow trumpet by which it is easily recognized. This peculiar trumpet has produced criticism from an English Narcissus enthusiast who says: I can never quite forgive the long-nosed, drain pipe effect of Madame Plemp's trumpet . . . and I feel that as if the glove-stretchers should be applied gently at an early stage."

However, tastes differ, and Madame Plemp has been admired by many visitors to my garden. The giant Duke of Bedford, Miss Ellen Terry and Glory of Sassenheim are other bicolors worthy of a place in the border.

White trumpets are said to be of weaker constitution, at least in some instances, but they are beautiful and one must try a few.

Madame de Graaff and Mrs. J. M. B. Camm are perhaps the best to choose. Weardale Perfection and Peter Barr are beauties but not easily obtained. And Mrs. E. H. Krelage, "the largest and purest white trumpet Dafodil" is, at seven dollars a bulb, out of the question as a denizen of most gardens.

Of the three short-cupped groups, Barrii, Incomparabilis and Leedsii, it is difficult to choose because there are so many beautiful kinds. Barrii Conspicuous is an old sort but still well to the front in value. It can be grown indoors and is also fine for naturalizing. Being low in price it should be bought by the hundred, not the dozen, and planted in mass. The florists call it the yellow Poeticus. There are newer sorts in which the cup is more deeply red edged, such as Beacon, Torchlight and Blood Orange.

The Incomparabilis group are very attractive. Sir Watkin, the "big Welshman", is, perhaps, the most satisfactory for general use. It is fine for cutting and should be grown largely. Will Scarlet is the most striking of the group with a broad and wide open orange cup. This variety created a sensation when it was first produced, and an Englishman, Mr. Pope, paid the originator one hundred pound, about five hundred American dollars, for the first three bulbs. Lucifer has nearly as fiery a cup.



NARCISSUS POETICUS

The Leedsii are lovely in white and soft shades of pale yellow; some are practically all white. I greatly admire Ariadne and the Duchess of Westminster. Mrs. Langtry and White Lady multiply well, are fine for naturalizing and are among the low priced kinds. The same gentleman who criticises Madame

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## A Little About Hyacinths

And the Hyacinth, purple, and white, and blue,  
Which flung from its bells a sweet peal anew  
Of music so delicate, soft and intense,  
It was felt like an odour within the sense.

—Shelley.

This Summer it was my pleasure to see some photographs of Narcissus, Tulips and Hyacinths really growing in Holland. Of course we all have our own ideas of what they should look like, and it is interesting to see how near fancy comes to the original. I always pictured an old Dutch wind-mill or two in the background; and sure enough, right there they were. But the extent of the field and gorgeousness of the flowers was greater than I had imagined; row after row of blooms, as far as eye could reach. It must be wonderful to see such a quantity of bulbs in bloom, though I suppose the Hollanders are so accustomed to the sight by this time that it has ceased to appeal to them the way it would to us.

In Syria, Asia Minor, Greece and Dalmatia, they tell us that Hyacinths are wild. What fun it would be to go out and pick a whole armful of the blooms, knowing that you were not even robbing anybody. We do not even have a chance to pick many of ours; they are so pretty blooming outdoors we hate to cut them.

Beautiful effects can be had from planting Hyacinths in formal beds, as well as in a border, or among the perennials. The spikes of bloom are so compact that they furnish a solid mass of color and quite readily adopt themselves to your plans.

Hyacinths bloom a little ahead of Tulips, so make a good border for a bed of them. A row of Crocus first, with a row of Hyacinths next, in front of a bed of mixed Tulips about a foot wide, is effective in front of a planting of shrub-

bery. Use the new Mammoth-Flowering Crocuses, and plant them three or four inches deep and two or three inches apart, in a straight row. The matter of choosing colors is not difficult, because they are all pretty and any named sort will do, or a mixture can be used.

About six inches from your Crocuses set the Hyacinths, five to six inches

apart and about six inches deep. Here color plays a more important part, and a selection of named sorts is usually more effective than a mixture. King of the Blues, planted with Yellow Hammer, first a blue, then a yellow, a blue, etc., will give you a pretty effect, the blue and yellow blending together well. White and shades of blue are pretty, too, first a white, then a porcelain-blue, a light blue, and so on, ending with the darkest of all, the colors on the other side of the last named reversed until the white is again reached. A pink scheme could be worked in, starting at each white, with blush and other pinks shading to red.

The Tulips are of mixed sorts and colors, and are set out just here and there in their allotted space. They are interesting planted in this way, instead of in the customary rows.

Hyacinths like well-drained beds and soil that has been dug deeply so they can send their twelve-inch roots, some long-

er, right down into the ground. They flourish in any good garden soil, and a little sand mixed with a stiff one will make it suitable. Never use horse-manure on your beds, but if you have had them planted in annuals all Summer, the ground can be improved by mixing some clean, old cow-manure into it.

Why do not some of the rest of you tell us how you plant your beds? I am sure we would all be interested to know about them.



A POPULAR DARK HYACINTH—KING OF THE BLUES



## PARROT TULIPS ARE SO ORIENTAL

FOR the lover of Oriental effects nothing could be more appropriate to grow than Parrot Tulips. Call to mind the wonderful colors in the plumage of a parrot and you will see how beautiful they would be when incorporated in a Tulip. And instead of the straight edges of the other sorts, in this variety the edges are uneven, cut, fringed and frayed. They are quite a curiosity to anyone who has never seen them before.

Markgraaf van Baden is my favorite, on account of its unusual colors. In the inside it is a beautiful golden yellow with little featherings of brightest scarlet, while there are green and purple on the outside. Some of the Parrot forms are red and orange, red and green, brown and yellow, and all are feathered and striped. Cramoisi Brilliant is a large flower of a deep crimson shade with a black center, another of my favorites.

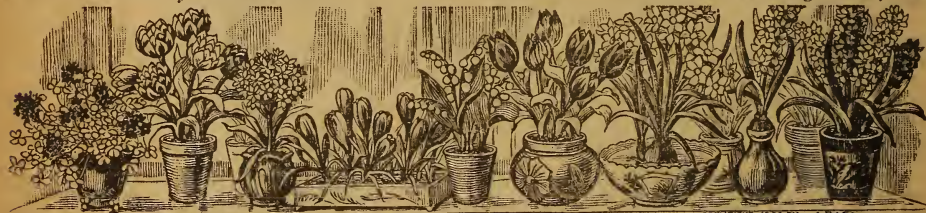
You all have "rich relatives?" I had one who lived in New York City and had everything that money could buy. Yet one day I gave her some Parrot Tulips. She had on a rather Oriental suit and you cannot imagine how perfectly the colors and markings in the Tulips blended with her clothes. And pleased? Well, I never saw such care taken of any blooms before. They were fairly coaxed to last and last.

That was bringing flowers into an atmosphere where they had never meant so much before.

Parrot Tulip, N. Y.

## BLOOMS INDOORS

To give our readers an idea of what a beautiful window can be had from Dutch bulbs in bloom in the house, we have had our artist make a sketch of a display he saw. It was a wonderful mass of color, the different varieties of bulbs in so many hues and forms.



## BULBS FOR WINTER FLOWERING

The Hyacinths, you can see, were grown in soil, in pots, with the exception of one large, exhibition size bulb in a Hyacinth glass made especially for that purpose. A Chinese Sacred Lily had several clusters of bloom. It was in a large bowl, held in place by pebbles. Both single and double Tulips had their pots of good, rich earth, using a half dozen bulbs to a pot.

Crocuses are pretty planted in a shallow pan. About a dozen, all one color, or mixed, are lovely together, and the new Mammoth Crocuses furnish such big flowers. Oxalis are so pretty in a pot, with their many blooms, and they come in almost every color now. In potting these bulbs one must be careful not to use too rich soil, as that furnishes much foliage and few flowers.

It has been found that Lily-of-the-Valley can be very successfully grown by the amateur in the house, a green-house is not necessary. About twenty-five pips will fill a seven or eight inch pan. The roots are covered with sand,

moss, or light soil, and the pots buried outdoors. They bloom in from three to four weeks, so bring your pots in when you want blooms, keeping them in a dark corner, where the temperature runs from sixty-five to sixty-eight degrees, until the spikes are about three inches high. Then they can be brought to fuller light. If you have never tried growing

them in the house we believe you would be pleased with the results.

ONE PARROT BLOOM

## FLOWERS AT THE FAIR

One of the most beautiful arrays of flowers ever exhibited at the Missouri State Fair was shown in the Agricultural Building during the week of the 1923 exposition, held at Sedalia, August 18 to 25. Every variety of hot-house blossoms that one could image, rare kinds that are seen only behind glass windows, were viewed by thousands of persons who thronged the Floriculture Department.

In the classes for Roses, Lilies, Marguerites, Daisies, Gladiolus, Asters and Dahlias, competition was keen, with many entries listed. Entries of table decorations included beautiful original displays on perfectly appointed tables. Foliage plants, vivid and glowing, attracted all visitors who entered the building. Soft, fea-

thy Ferns gave a delightful sense of coolness, and trailing vines turned that section into a bower.

There were forty-three entries of garden flower displays in the amateur class. These consisted of a collection of twenty-five flowers in each entry. Many hardy plants were shown.



## PAEONY SUBSTITUTES

THE other day one of my neighbors came to me and said, "Do you know, I simply cannot afford to set out the new bed I have planned in Paeonies. They cost too much for my slim pocket-book, so I am planting substitutes."

I wondered what she meant, so asked her to explain, and you can imagine my surprise when she informed me that by substitutes she meant nothing else than double Tulips. It had not occurred to me before, but when she made the suggestion, I decided that she was quite right.

If you have never seen the wonderful blooms of the double Tulips offered in recent years, of course you will not be able to picture the similarity, but if you have, well and good. I have been surprised time and again by the fullness and size of the blooms, so much like Paeony blossoms.

Murillo is one of the most popular double varieties, for both indoor and outdoor planting. It has a very full and double flower of blush-pink, prettily shaded white. These blooms look especially well with any of the red shades, both white and red being popular Paeony colors.

In double Tulips there are whites, pinks, reds, yellows, oranges and combinations of these colors, giving perhaps even more variations than the Paeonies themselves. Couronne d'Or is a popular double, of a rich golden yellow shaded an orange-gold, whence its name, the French for "Crown of Gold." Boule de Neige, a double white, is so Paeony-like in form that it is known quite generally by the common name of "White Paeony."

Try a bed of double Tulips yourself this Fall, and in the Spring see if you do not agree with my neighbor in that she has found a good substitute for Paeonies. I have accepted her views without the slightest doubt and am planting a bed myself.

Murillo, N. J.

## CHOOSING TULIPS

To the amateur who is just beginning a bed of Tulips, a catalogue list looks more like a Chinese puzzle than anything else. Each variety described seems so desirable she wants them all, and that being an impossibility, in most cases,

she is at a loss to know just which to choose. Perhaps a few words from one who has favorites might help a wee bit in this matter of selection.

For very early flowers there are the early-flowering varieties in single and double form. In singles, a pretty effect is secured from a bed of red and yellow, choosing Artus as a good scarlet and Yellow Prince for a fine, bright yellow, with a few bulbs of Duchess de Parma, a combination of red and orange edged yellow, in the center.

The bed of doubles would be lovely in shades of pink and white, using La Candeur, white, for the outside row; Murillo, rose-pink, next; for the third row Lucretia, a deep pink; and filling in the center with La Grandesse, a rich,

dark pink. Or the colors could be reversed, with the white in the center, the pinks around it.

Darwin Tulips are perhaps harder to select; they are all so lovely. Pride of Haarlem, an old-rose sort, is very tall and showy for borders, planted among shrubbery, and one of the best. It and Clara Butt, a beautiful salmon-pink, are the tallest of all the Darwins. But I have a leaning towards the lavenders, of which the following are lovely: Erguste, violet and silver, Dream, heliotrope, Rev. Ewbank, lavender-violet,

planted in the order given, the first in the center, with a row of Faust, dark purple, around the edge, or perhaps La Tulipe Noire, the Black Tulip.

The flower lover who can plant more bulbs chooses some Rembrandts, May-flowering Tulips, Breeders and Parrots, but the beginner will do well in setting out these three sorts the first year. The early singles and doubles will furnish bloom the beginning of the season, the Darwins after the first have faded.

M. J. L., Ohio.

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## ARE YOU GLAD?

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Scillas furnish us with such pretty, little blue and bluish purple blossoms early in the Spring that they are a valuable addition to any garden. White and reddish purple forms have been propagated, but the blue forms are the most popular.

Scillas are pretty for naturalizing and should be planted where they can remain for years. They will keep on blooming indefinitely, without any attention at all, though a little top dressing of manure once in awhile will improve the flowers.

Eranthis Hyemalis, generally known as Winter Aconite, is a valuable little bulb for a shady, moist place where few other bulbs thrive. It is only from five to eight inches high and, having a yellow flower in bloom anywhere from January to March, it is pretty planted with others of the small bulbs, so many of which are blue and white. If you have never before grown any I am sure you would be pleased with at least a few.

Though the importation of Snowdrops was also cut off, a few were grown in our own country, and those who ordered early from their dealers were able to obtain some. But not nearly enough were grown in this country to supply all of us, so we welcome the fact that they can be imported this year. What is so pretty as the first few Snowdrops peeping up right through the snow?

Several years ago we planted some bulbs, just here and there, about three inches deep and four inches apart, and now they have multiplied until we have quite a mass of bloom each season. This is quite a habit of the bulbs, to increase in numbers.

Another bulb planted along with Snowdrops and Scillas is the Chionodoxa, or Glory of the Snow. It is, perhaps, less known than the other two mentioned, nevertheless, a most desirable sort that you would like once you saw. There are two popular kinds, one all blue, the other blue with a white center. Planted three inches deep and one inch apart they will bloom very satisfactorily for three years, then it is a good plan to dig the bulbs and reset them, for they multiply rapidly.

Have you ever heard of Grape Hyacinths? These are really Muscari, and are pretty in blue and white. The little bells grow in a spike very much the same way as a Dutch Hyacinth, but are almost closed, and droop instead of standing out. They will grow in either sun or shade, are no trouble, and perfectly hardy.

If you are an admirer of the Crown Imperial of old-fashioned gardens, you will find it called *Fritillaria Imperialis* by a florist, you will be glad to know that you can buy those for a couple of years now. The blooms are so different from most sorts that they are very popular. These bulbs are more particular: they like rich soil, in which they are set six inches deep, and do best if in a spot shaded from the hot sun of noon. You will find them pretty in a border, where they bloom late in March, with from eight to ten flowers on each plant, yellows, oranges, red, etc. The Checkered Lily belongs to the same family, though the blooms are not alike.

There will be Ixias, too, coming in this year, with spikes bearing anywhere from six to a dozen flowers of many different colors. Some are even green, an unusual shade for a flower. And Anemones, Oxalis and Ranunculus are being listed.



FRITILLARIA IMPERIALIS, OR CROWN IMPERIAL

When you are planning your bulb beds, be sure to include some of these varieties. If we all want them, and plant them, perhaps those who are all powerful in making these quaran-



tine measures will feel badly about depriving us of these lovely blooms and discover that they are not bringers of disease.

I am running no chances, and shall plant a few of each variety so that, when the two years during which the bulbs are to be imported are up, I shall be able to have them anyway. I did not have a supply before their importation was cut off and do not wish to be caught without them again.

### MY CROCUS

The pride of my yard early in the Spring is the great quantity of Crocus blooms. The new, mammoth-flowering sorts are such an improvement over the old ones. I have several hundreds, almost a thousand, I should judge, and planted in different places and in different ways. Along a bed of Tulips and Hyacinths I have just a single row of the bulbs, in mixed colors; they all bloom about the same time and are like a gay ribbon, for they all come out just as Winter is going on his way, and form a straight line of color.



CROCUS VERNUS

In one corner there is an old stump. I hollowed out the center and filled it full of earth and then planted it in mixed bulbs, a few Scillas, Eranthis, and Chionodoxas. Then, around the outside of the stump, in the ground, are purple Crocus and

Snowdrops. This is such a pretty spot of bloom. In the Summer, after the bulbs have died down, I plant climbing Nasturtiums in the center and they spread around all over the old stump until it is a solid mass of color and not a bit of the old wood shows.

I took one hundred Crocus and threw them, by the handful, over the side lawn. Then, everywhere a bulb fell, I set it in the soil, about two inches deep. When they bloom in the Spring you would think somebody took a paint brush and went around the lawn dabbing bits of color wherever fancy suggested—it is such a pretty sight. My bulbs have been planted there about two years, but after they bloom next Spring I have planned to dig and reset them, for I notice some have worked themselves pretty near the surface. Every three or four years, I have been told, they should be reset for best results.

I prize my Crocus very highly and would be disappointed if I could not add a hundred or two to my supply every year.

Albion, Md.

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The whippoor-wills have flown away, And no one hears the woodland thrush. But over the mountains, day after day, Nature is busy with paint and brush. With beautiful colors of crimson and gold, Bright as the tints of the sunset sky, She's painting pictures fair to behold, Changing the scenes as the days go by.

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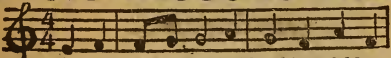
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Plump objects to the frilling on her cup, though he admits that White Lady is fine at a distance. But that is only one person's opinion. Think what renown and big prices flower breeders get for putting fringes and ruffles on a flower! Kunderd's Gladioli are cases in point.

Of late years many new forms of the popular Poet's Narcissus have been introduced and those who know only the old Pheasant's Eye and Poeticus Ornatus should surely invest in some of these new kinds. They are larger and more finely shaped; some are very early, others so late that we may have a succession for many weeks. Paradoxically, they begin blooming with King George V. and end with Homer. But if one must limit planting to a single newcomer, Grandiflorus should be the choice.

Of the Poetaz class Elvira is said to be the most dependable, and is the only one I have yet tried, though Aspasia and Irene are recommended.

Of the doubles, Von Sion should find a place in some corner for old time's sake at least, in spite of its disappointing way of appearing with imperfect and green-petalled flowers. All children love it and our garden should not be without a few clumps. Sulphur Phoenix, Orange Phoenix and Primrose Phoenix are all doubles well worth having, though these double forms lack the grace and symmetry of the singles. The real gems among the doubles are Argent and Alba Plena Odorata. Argent is a beautiful, star-shaped flower with creamy petals and yellow center. The other long-named lady is the very latest Daffodil I have ever seen. It blooms early in June, with the Roses, and is, in its own way, as perfect a flower. Finely shaped, pure white and fragrant, but—it is the one and only Narcissus I have found difficult to bloom. The buds, if they form at all, sometimes blight instead of opening. I have had quite good results from it in a boggy place; it really seems a semi-aquatic. If one has not the required wet spot to give it, try liming the soil well and at blooming time split the paper-like sheath so the buds may push through. It is worth while taking the trouble to secure its exquisite bloom.

There are also the Jonquils, very small flowers of rich yellow, with narrow leaves of almost onion-like foliage. The flowers are very fragrant, and there are single and double forms.

### Planting The Narcissus

Many wish to have their bulbs bloom in the house, and forcing them is not difficult; catalogues tell which are the best for this purpose. The well-known Chinese Sacred Lily, which is a form of Polyanthus Narcissus, the Paper White Grandiflora, and Soleil d'Or are the tender kinds we plant with pebbles in a bowl of water in our Winter windows. They bloom early, and the only point to be remembered is to give them a dark, cool place in which to make their roots before bringing them into the light and heat. They last much better while blooming if kept in a cool room.

When forcing any of the Narcissus in soil the pots may be set outdoors on a layer of ashes until quite cold weather, then transferred to the coolest part of the cellar. They should not be brought upstairs to light and heat until the pots are filled with root growth, and then into a rather cool, dark room at first. Force slowly for best results.

But the greatest value of the Narcissus is for outdoor planting. The wonderful pictures which may be formed by their use in mass by



those who have large estates and money enough to buy bulbs by the million are past description, and pictures can give but a faint idea of such beauty. On a smaller scale we may all delight in the "nodding Daffodils". Some of the best varieties can be bought by the hundred for the price of a new pair of shoes, a new hat or an auto trip. And the purchase will not only outlast shoes or hat, but will multiply, which I never knew the other articles to do. In three or four years the hundred will be three hundred, and taken up and reset will overflow their original bounds until the garden becomes an enchanted spot, a vision of blooming silver and gold.

Amelia H. Botsford, Del.

## WHY ARE WE CLANNISH?

Is it nature? And why are plants clannish? It seems it were intended thus. We see a certain plant and invariably look around for others like it. There may be a patch of a certain plant, then perhaps it is a half mile, or miles, ere we find any more. Then another patch. Why? The various vegetation appears to have clans, or families, each in a village, "so to speak", some only a short distance apart, others miles, when, to the casual observer, the soil and climatic conditions are practically the same.

The Yucca family is a distinctive type of this feature of plant life, and perhaps one of the most peculiar things is the habit of the largest form of Yucca to grow in valleys and flats, where the only other form of this plant is the smallest, or most dwarf variety. The intermediate forms do not mingle in habitation, each one having its own elevation and location.

Quite high on the hillsides we pass the tall Yucca plant, next in size to the Joshua Palm. On down a little lower we pass a form having long, fibrous leaves and no body to speak of, the leaves coming all from a center and forming a clump. On down lower we pass acres of another form. These stand from two to six feet tall, having a body from which the lower leaves have withered or fallen off, yet carrying a large bunch at the top.

On still lower, we again find a clustered variety, with no body showing, but forming a very large clump. On closer inspection we find this a decumbent form, the body growing from two to four feet in length but decumbent. Then we reach the valley where we see the largest form of this varied plant, the Clisto Yucca, or Joshua Palm, a veritable tree, as high as twelve to fifteen feet tall, and usually very much branched.

Now and then we will see a very dwarf plant called, by some, Adam's Needle and Thread. This sort grows only a foot or fourteen inches tall. The flower stalk is very dwarf, carrying from fifteen to two dozen bells or flowers, usually one stalk to a plant, sometimes two. The plant Yucca Filamentosa grows in nearly all western states and is a larger form of the last named above and often the flowers will stand from two to four feet tall. The individual flower is formed the same as the smaller, or more dwarf sort.

But my point of observation was this, that while the dwarf and the giant forms will grow side by side, the intermediate forms segregate, and each has its own special altitude, or home. This is one plant of which, so far, the writer has failed to note any hybrids.

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That is the way I feel about it, and now that we have at last moved to a place where I have a tiny lawn, I would like to make it all flowers. Of course one really cannot do that, for a well-kept lawn is pretty, too, with borders of flowers.

At the rear of our yard is a tall fence, and I have a narrow bed in front of it, which I am setting out in perennials. All the years when I have been living in an apartment have not been wasted; I have stored up memories of plants seen here and there, with the result that I think I know just what I want.

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In front of these perennials are to be Iris, the blue sorts, planted in a straight row, alternating with Narcissus Poeticus; the white and blue are so pretty blooming together. I do not care for low edging plants, and the lawn will run right to the edge of the Iris, which will be green after they have finished blooming.

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SWEET PEAS

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The best known is the Harrisii, commonly called the Bermuda Easter Lily, and it is the earliest to bloom. This is the variety of which you see a great many in churches, with from fifteen to twenty long, tube-like, waxen flowers of a pure white, with yellow anthers and a tinge of green near the base.

St. Joseph's Lily is the title given to the Formosum variety from the island of Formosa, China, whence the name. It is very similar to the kind just described, with beautiful white flowers six or eight inches long, but blooms a little bit later.

The most satisfactory sort is Liliun Giganteum Longiflorum, the blooms similar to the others, but sometimes even ten inches in length. This variety is hardy with a six or eight-inch cover of leaves or litter during the Winter, and will bloom in the garden in July and August.

There is not such a great difference between any of these sorts and all are very pretty when potted and blooming in the house. Fill your pot with a rich, porous soil, and set the bulbs ten inches below the surface. A six or eight-inch size is the best, and have it well drained. When your bulbs are ready, set them away in a dark closet, not too cold, and keep the soil moist until the roots are formed and the plant shows signs of growth.

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Alice R. Corson, Va.

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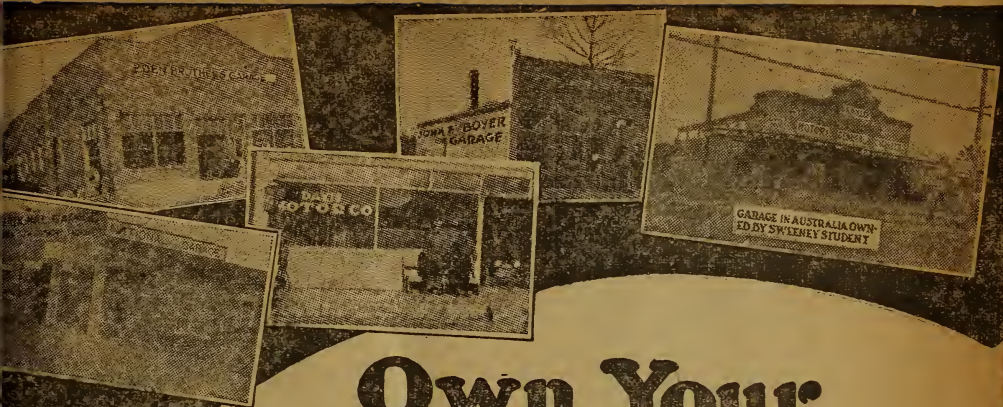
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Flowers seem to have intelligence and it is interesting to notice their behavior. I once had some Morning-Glories growing outside of my window. One had grown to the top of the string I had given it to twine around, and I noticed the end of the vine, about a foot in length, kept constantly moving around as if searching for something. So I placed a cord off to one side, and watched and waited for developments. Instead of keeping up its spiral motion it seemed to reach out almost at once towards the cord, sensing its presence, for it immediately began its upward climb on its new support.

Why did it not straighten out and reach in the opposite direction? Do they have a mind of their own, or is it some invisible fairy or sprite that guides their searching tendrils out of pure sympathy?

One would think that the leaves of the Mimosa, and of our lovely, low-growing Senna of southern fields, were well provided with nerves, for on touching the leaves of either they quickly close up. To pluck a stem of the Senna with its rich, golden flowers and delicate, Fern-like leaves with the idea of carrying a lovely specimen home, is but to pluck a disappointment, for not only its leaves, but even its blossoms will close up almost immediately.

Notice how the Clovers go to sleep, two leaves folded together, the third one folded over the other two. The Oxalis goes to sleep, the Dandelion, and many others. How do they know when it is sleepy time? You can almost set your clocks by the Four O'Clocks and the little African Hibiscus, of which seeds were once given me as seeds of the "Noon Shutters," so promptly did they close their flowers at noon.

I once had a Cactus of the hedge-hog variety which bloomed promptly at six o'clock in the evening. Its long bud promises all day to open, but not once did it ever bloom before 6 o'clock. It stayed in bloom exactly twenty-four hours, beginning to close its beautiful, waxen white flower directly after six, and by seven o'clock it hung limp and withered.

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To kiss the passing breeze,  
With not a thought of coquetry,  
Just its sweet self to please.

But if I linger near them,  
They nod and bow to say,  
"Good morning, oh, good morning!  
I'm glad to see you today!"

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## BLESS THE FLOWERS

Did you ever know that flowers are sensitive to thoughts? Some years ago a man experimented with two plants, each one in good soil and in a sunny room. He visited both daily. One he cursed and scolded; it gradually withered away. The other one he blessed and praised; it grew rapidly and beautifully. This is a true story and one that you can prove for yourself. Both plants were the same size and received exactly the same care, except for the different thoughts.

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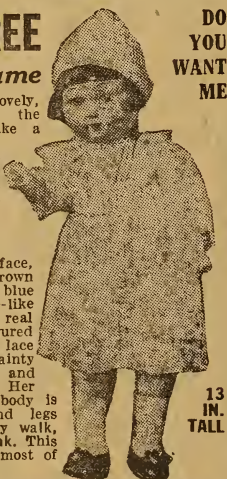
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Save it from axe and spade,  
Save it for joyful shade,  
Guarding the plain.

"When it is ripe to fall,  
Neighbored by trees as tall,  
Shape it for good.  
Shape it to bench and stool,  
Shape it to square and rule,  
Shape it for home and school.  
God, bless the wood.

"Lord of the earth and sea,  
Prosper our planted tree,  
Save with thy might.  
Save us from indolence,  
Waste and improvidence,  
And in thy excellence  
Lead us aright."

NOTE.—The above poem was sent out by the American Civic Association to be sung to the tune of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." In this day it seems to be the idea of most people to cut down trees. This, however, should be discouraged if we want our country to prosper, and these words, sung to a tune we all know, may add their bit to the preservation of some of our trees.—EDITOR.

Dear Floral Friends: Did any of you get plants of Amaranthus "Molten Fire" to try this Spring? I always welcome new plants and flowers and was curious to see if anything could be as pretty as they were described, so I decided to get one. Now I am sorry I have not more.

From a distance you wonder just exactly what the mass of flaming color is, then you get closer and discover that this wonderful color is really a live, growing plant. The lower leaves are of a dark maroon color, but the foliage on the top and the outer tips of all the leaves forms a mass of clear, glistening, fiery, rosy crimson, almost indescribable. The plants are so large and gay that they make the whole corner of the yard bright with their background of shrubbery and the green of the lawn in front of them.

My plants are the wonder and curiosity of the neighborhood, and even people passing on the street pause to gaze at the beauty and richness of color of my Amaranthus "Molten Fire". The plants are rightly called the aristocrats of the Amaranth family and Burbank can take just pride in this one of his creations.

Amaranthus, Penna.

Dear Flower Lovers: Have you ever tried Wandering Jew in your hanging baskets? It is so easily grown and so fresh and clean. There are several varieties; I have two; solid green, and green and white striped. I have grown vines six feet long.

Wandering Jew is easily started from cuttings put in a jar of water, in a warm place, but in the shade. Change the water often and in a few days there will be little roots started. The cuttings are then ready to be put in a basket of rich soil and watered often.

Mrs. Irene Terry, Texas.

Dear Floral Friends: One of you spoke of growing Ferns and using castor-oil on them. I find soot the best thing I ever tried. Give a tablespoonful every three or four weeks. I never had any luck with them until this year and that is what I did.

Mrs. J. J. Stephenson, Ga.



# Man 74 Years Old Is "Rejuvenated" In 3 Weeks Without Gland Operation

## Kansas Contractor Tells of Wonderful Results Obtained in Test of New Scientific Discovery

Thomas J. Glascock, 74, well-known Kansas contractor, declares he has virtually been made young again by the recently discovered korex compound, which is pronounced superior to "gland treatments" as an invigorator and revitalizer.

"I feel like I did at 35," says Mr. Glascock, "and seem to be getting stronger every day. During my three weeks' use of the new discovery, pains and weaknesses of many years' standing disappeared almost magically. Today I am as vigorous and supple as I was in the prime of life. Furthermore, when I began using the compound, my memory was virtually gone and I was almost blind. Now my mind is clear and active and I can read the finest print without difficulty."

In order to find out whether the results were lasting, Mr. Glascock waited six months before reporting on his test of the discovery. On this point he says:

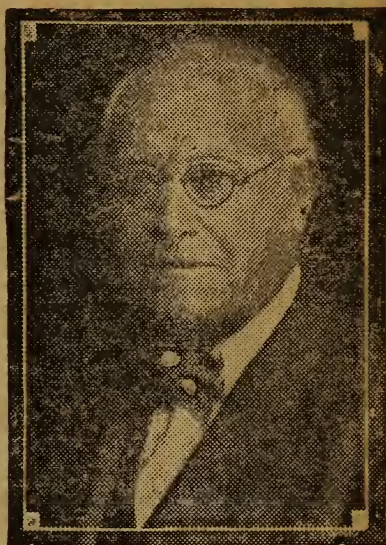
"Every passing day strengthens my conviction that my restoration is not only complete but permanent. I can't express the happiness this great discovery has brought to me. It has made me 'young' again."

Similar reports are being made almost daily. For instance, D. W. Wood of New Orleans, past 60 years of age, says: "The compound has brought me back to as good, healthy physical condition as I enjoyed at 35. I am apparently as supple as at 25 and my eyesight is better than for years. I would not take \$5,000 for what the discovery has done for me."

The compound is a simple home treatment in tablet form, absolutely harmless, yet rated as the quickest and most powerful invigorator known. Acting directly on lower spinal nerve centers and certain glands and blood vessels, it often brings amazing benefits in 24 to 36 hours, according to thousands who have tested it.

"It is wonderful," writes a resident of Hollister, Cal. "In less than 24 hours you can feel it does the work. It makes one feel young as a young man. I am more than happy and glad I tried it." Another Californian says: "The compound is a world's wonder. I feel like I was about 25 and here I am nearly fifty!"

The compound has been tested in all parts of the country and has won the



THOMAS J. GLASCOCK

praises of thousands who suffered from nerve weakness, lost or depleted vigor, neurasthenia, premature age, impaired glandular activity and lack of animation and vital force. Its effects seem to be virtually the same on both young and old. Physicians say the principal active ingredient of the compound gives speedy satisfaction in obstinate cases that defy all other treatments. Elderly people pronounce the discovery a real "fountain of youth."

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In almost the center of the lawn was a large group of the most beautiful Hollyhocks of every shade. These I carefully removed to hide an unsightly building at the north of the house. In front of these were a row each of mixed Cosmos and Larkspur, with a border of Oriental Poppies.

The dining-room faced the East. This space was filled with golden and yellow, Japanese Sunflowers, Calliopsis, Baby Golden Glow, and bordered with dwarf Nasturtiums. The West was a riot of blue, with a border of Violets from the woods. The North, which is the back yard, is planted in Salvia, Scarlet Sage, Stocks and Phlox Drummondii. The South, or front, is glorious in deep scarlet.

The driveway, on the West, with long beds of Asters, Gladiolus and Verbenas in mixed colors, was most beautiful. Climbing up one side of the porch was a large Crimson Rambler, and a big flower box was filled with house plants, such as Geraniums, Heliotropes and Chinese Hibiscus. My special pride was an indigo-blue Petunia, splotted with white.

This soil is mostly suitable for raising flowers, but not in all these places. In the poorest spots a small amount of soil was removed and replaced with leaf-mold and earth from the woods. Masses of flowers, with the house for a back-ground, are far more beautiful than beds here and there over the lawn.

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—Maria Briscoe Croker, Md.

## SLIPPING NASTURTIUMS

Have you a favorite Nasturtium that you do not like to have Jack Frost get? Seeds do not always come true to color; try starting a few slips of the Nasturtium the same as you would any house plant. They will take root and grow and bloom for you during the Winter. Mix just a little sand in the ground in which you plant them.

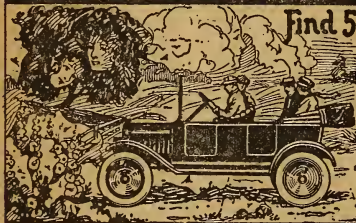
Next Spring, when danger of frost is past, carefully remove them from the flower pot and plant them in the ground, watering well. They will grow by leaps and bounds, giving you a wealth of blossoms all Summer; and you can again, towards Fall, start new slips from the plants to keep over Winter. Thus, some rare and favorite color can be kept for years.

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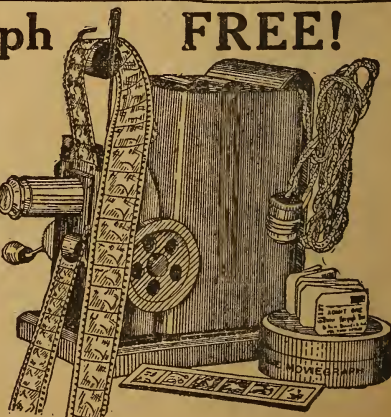
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# LIFTING CANNAS

When you dig your Dahlias you shake as much dirt off the roots as possible, but not so with Cannas. After they have been frost-bitten and died down, dig the roots and spread them out on a shelf in the cellar where you keep your white potatoes. Should all the dirt fall off the roots it is best to cover them with a thin layer of light soil.

Canna roots usually keep very well, but one must be careful that they are not allowed to become too warm, or too moist; this rots them.

# KEEPING GERANIUMS

When it is too cold for Geraniums to live outdoors any longer, we dig our plants, shake the dirt off the roots, and then hang them up in a cool part of the cellar.

If you have only a small cellar with a furnace which keeps it warm, this plan will not help you, for in that case your roots will die. If your cellar keeps cool and fairly moist, without danger of freezing, you will find that the plants will keep all right and can be set out in your bed again in the Spring.

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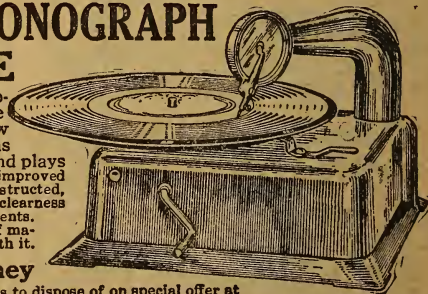
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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q.** How long does it take Ixias, grown from seed, to bloom?—E. S., N. H.

**A.** Seedling Ixias should bloom the third year.—EDITOR.

**Q.** What would you suggest for a blue plant to edge a bed?—T. C., Del.

**A.** Try Brachycome, Swan River Daisy, setting the plants about six inches apart. They are dainty and pretty.—EDITOR.

**Q.** Which force better, single or double Hyacinths?—M. P., Oreg.

**A.** Single varieties force better, and the slower they are forced, the finer will be the blooms.—EDITOR.

**Q.** What plants are known as Flax?—D. I., Ohio.

**A.** Linum is called Flax; Camelina is False Flax; Phormium tenax, New Zealand Flax, and Linaria is known as Toad Flax.—EDITOR.

**Q.** How and when is Ivy propagated?—P. L., Vt.

**A.** From cuttings of half-ripened wood which may be started in a greenhouse or a frame any time of the year. Where not too cold, Ivy can be grown from cuttings placed in the open ground in the Fall.—EDITOR.

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**Q.** In what kind of soil should Tulips be grown in the house?—D. H., Me.

**A.** A fine garden loam with enough sand added to make it friable. Fresh manure should never be used near any kind of bulbs.—EDITOR.

**Q.** How high should Chrysanthemums be before pinching them?—E. K., Iowa.

**A.** When four inches high, the top can be pinched, which makes the plants branch freely and produce more buds.—EDITOR.

**Q.** How deep should Hyacinths be planted?—A. C., Md.

**A.** Hyacinths are best planted about six inches deep, measuring from the bottom of the bulbs, and if you want them all to bloom at the same time, be sure they are all planted the same depth.—EDITOR.

**Q.** What do "striatus," "spicatus" and "suaveolens" mean with flower names?—D. G., Kans

**A.** A "striatus" flower is striped, "spicatus" means with spikes, and "suaveolens," sweet-scented.—EDITOR.

**Q.** When is the best time to reset German Iris and how often should the clumps be divided?—C. G., Mo.

**A.** Iris are best reset in the Spring, or in August or September, so that the roots can become established before treezing. German Iris increases so rapidly that it can be divided every three years.—EDITOR.

**Q.** What fertilizer is best for a bed in which Hyacinths are to be planted?—M. K., Ills.

**A.** Clean, old cow-manure is the best fertilizer, not horse-manure, and if your soil is stiff, a little sand will lighten it.—EDITOR.

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**Q.** How deep should Tulips be planted and how far apart?—S. B., Ky

**A.** Set the bulbs from four to nine inches apart, the distance depending upon the size of the bulbs and the effect desired, and from four to six inches deep, measuring from the bottom of the bulb.—EDITOR.

**Q.** There is a bug sucking the sap from the under surface of the leaves on my Rhododendrons. What can I do to get rid of it?—K. S., Conn

**A.** Spray your plants with nicotine solution or kerosene emulsion. The plants are probably troubled by the Rhododendron Lace Bug.—EDITOR.

**Q.** When does Iris Pseudacorus bloom?—S. Z., N. Y.

**A.** In May and June.—EDITOR.

**Q.** What plants can I grow in a heavily shaded place?—H. K., N. Y.

**A.** The following Anemones will do well: Alpina, Canadensis, Nemorosa, Rivularis and Sylvestris; also Cortusa Matthioli, Cyripedium, Hepatica, Hornium Pyrenaicum and Ourisia Coccinea.—EDITOR.

**Q.** A friend told me that there are male and female Ferns. Is this true?—D. B., N. Y.

**A.** Dryopteris Filix-mas is called Male Fern and the name Female Fern has been given to Asplenium Filix-foemina.—EDITOR.

**Q.** Are Dusty Miller and Old Woman the same plant?—K. L., Miss.

**A.** Yes, they are both common names for Artemisia Stelleriana.—EDITOR.

**Q.** What plant is called Roselle?—B. M., Md.

**A.** Hibiscus Sabdariffa is called Roselle, also Jamaica Sorrel.—EDITOR.

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